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call it by whatever. I think this is a bill that is needed. I think it's one that the people have spoken out for and there is no rational judgment not to accept this bill and there is no vote on it. I hope that answered your question, Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Partially.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, I'll go further if you'll be specific.

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, you, no, I, I'm going to, I would like to make another comment if I could, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I remember one time when we had the Little Hoover Commission people in here, supervising State government. I remember we had a very competent comptroller of a large business, Senator Carpenter was in the room at the time and this comptroller said, I don't know what all the hullabaloo is over money because there's certainly no politics involved and I would say to you in using the term "politics" in, in its finest connotation, that's what the business is all about. In all due respect to you, Senator Lewis, I would suggest to you and I'm not trying to throw anything at you except trying to be fair to this legislative body. If we start on A bills, there is no end to what we do on A bills. I intend to support 45A, but I think it should take its place along with the other bills and that's simply all I'm saying and you have been quite critical of this Legislature from the beginning which is your prerogative; nevertheless, I would respectfully suggest to you that, we have seen what happens when we begin to open up this whole operation, therefore, because it snowballs, because you think 445's important. I'm not criticizing you for that. Senator Stahmer thinks 311A's important so if we consider 445A, why shouldn't we consider 311A? And Senator Stull has a bill up there that has an A bill on it, therefore, in fairness to some orderly process, politics or whatever you want to call it, I think we should take these things in order and I think 445A should take its place along with the other A bills. I have stated my case, that's all I can do. The Legislature will have to proceed accordingly.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, do you care to respond?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would. First of all, in two or three areas. Number 1, being critical of the Legislature, I would respond by saying that I have suggested all along the way that we vote on the bills on the basis of the merits as they appear. Certainly I appreciate the support that a number of you have already given me in committee. This bill came out of committee 6-0. A number of you have been some of our strongest supporters for the bill on the floor and for that I appreciate it. I would say that we have waited and waited very patiently and we're down to 8 days. We got a number of bills to move across and I think that this bill is very clear in the minds of everyone as to what it would do and I realize the problem of being a new Senator and trying to argue money with Senator Marvel, particularly after the eulogies presented to him on the floor the other day but I think that each and every one of you and I have tried to talk to every one of you personally about 445 and I think